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FOR MR. CLIFFORD FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (CLIFFORD, CLARK M.) CY, TU, GR  
SUBJECT: CLIFFORD MISSION: DENKTASH COMMENTS ON CLIFFORD MISSION

1. AT A RECEPTION GIVEN BY HIM FEB 28, DENKTASH ASKED ME ABOUT CLIFFORD MISSION'S IMPRESSIONS OF ITS PROGRAM AND CONTACTS ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE. I SAID MISSION HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WITH ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR IT AND THE WARM HOSPITALITY EXTENDED; ALSO WITH THE SENSE GAINED FROM HIS "MINISTERS" THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS WANT THE PROBLEM SOLVED QUICKLY, HAVE USEFUL IDEAS ABOUT FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH COULD PAVE THE WAY, OVER TIME, FOR REINTEGRATION OF THE ISLAND, AND HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES AS CYPRIOTS NOT GREEKS AND TURKS. MR. CLIFFORD, A MAN WITH A DEEPLY INGRAINED SENSE OF JUSTICE AND HUMANITY, HAD TAKEN VERY MUCH TO HEART THE TURKISH CYPRIOT POINT THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM PREDATED 1974 AND THAT GREEKS HAD VIOLATED TURKISH HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PAST, CREATING A NATURAL TURKISH CYPRIOT CONCERN FOR SECURITY. HE HAD ADDRESSED HIMSELF DIRECTLY TO THESE ISSUES IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. DENKTASH SAID, "BUT WHAT ABOUT MY CONVERSATION WITH  
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MR. CLIFFORD?" I SAID, "NEGATIVE." DENKTASH REPLIED, "MR. CLIFFORD IS RIGHT, I WAS NEGATIVE." HE THEN REPEATED MUCH OF THE SAME ARGUMENTATION HE HAD USED WITH CLIFFORD. HE PREDICTED THAT WHEN AND IF HE MET MR. CLIFFORD AGAIN THE OUTCOME WOULD BE QUITE DIFFERENT. HE WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. DENKTASH CONCLUDED BY SAYING, "PLEASE TELL MR. CLIFFORD THAT I AM SORRY THINGS HAD TO BE THE WAY THEY

WERE IN OUR CONVERSATION. I WISH HIM TO KNOW THAT I HAVE  
THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR HIM AS A MAN OF THE HIGHEST PRINCIPLES  
AND ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY.

3. COMMENT: AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE FOREGOING, I DELIVERED  
THE MESSAGE WE DISCUSSED, I HOPE PRECISELY, IN TERMS OF THE  
IMPRESSION LEFT ON YOU BY DENKTASH'S CONVERSATION.  
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